

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON COMMERCE**

**Tuesday, February 26, 2008**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Room 352, State Capitol Building**

The Committee met jointly with the Standing Committee on Labor, chaired by Representative Miller.

**Chair Meisner** called the Standing Committee on Commerce to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Byrum, Clemente, Coulouris, Dean, Griffin, Johnson, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Palsrok, Rick Jones, Knollenberg, Meltzer (17/19)

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Reps. Accavitti, Stakoe (2/19)

The committees heard testimony on a package of bills referred to as "Hire Michigan First."

The following bills were before the **Standing Committee on Labor**:

HB 5780	Miller	State financing and management; funds; strategic fund; modify eligibility requirements.
HB 5781	Meisner	Economic development; brownfield redevelopment authority; eligibility requirements; modify.
HB 5782	Meadows	State financing and management; purchasing; hiring requirement; modify.
HB 5783	Ebli	Labor; fair employment practices; requirement for prevailing wage compliance and for legal workers to perform labor on state contracts; establish.
HB 5784	Dean	State financing and management; purchasing; reporting requirements; provide for.

The following bills were before the **Standing Committee on Commerce**:

HB 5785	Simpson	Economic development; renaissance zones; eligibility requirements; modify.
HB 5786	Brown	Economic development; Michigan economic growth authority; eligibility requirements; modify.
HB 5787	Corriveau	Business tax; other; historic preservation tax credit preferences and penalties under certain circumstances; provide for.

HB 5788	LeBlanc	Economic development; obsolete property and rehabilitation; obsolete property rehabilitation act; modify eligibility requirements.
HB 5789	Constan	Economic development; other; industrial development revenue bond act; modify eligibility requirements.
HB 5790	Scott	Economic development; plant rehabilitation; eligibility requirements; modify.
HB 5791	Donigan	Economic development; other; transportation economic development fund; modify eligibility requirements.

**Chair Miller** and **Chair Meisner** made opening statements regarding **House Bills 5780 - 5791**.

**Mike Fikes**, representing the Michigan Laborers' District Council, testified in **support** of **House Bills 5780 - 5791** and answered questions.

**Michael Moran**, representing IBEW Local 58, testified in **support** of **House Bills 5780 - 5791**.

**Mark Bott**, representing the Michigan Pipe Trades Association, testified in **support** of **House Bills 5780 - 5791**.

**Mike Crawford**, representing the Michigan Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association, testified in **support** of **House Bill 5782** and **5783** and answered questions.

**Chris Fisher**, representing the Associated Builders and Contractors, testified in **opposition** to **House Bill 5783**, and answered questions. He also submitted written testimony.

**Chair Miller** and **Chair Meisner** answered questions.

The following people wished to testify in **support** of **House Bills 5780 - 5791** but did not, due to time constraints:

**Patrick "Shorty" Gleason**, representing Michigan Building & Construction Trades;

**Earl Van Riper**, representing IVOE Local 324;

**Todd Tennis**, representing IBEW Michigan Conference; and

**William Borch Jr.**, representing Iron Workers Local 25.

**Cynthia Paul**, representing the State Employees International Union, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the concept of **House Bills 5780 - 5791**, but did not wish to speak.

**Wendy Block**, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, submitted a testimony card in **opposition** to **House Bills 5780 - 5791**, but did not wish to speak. She also submitted written material.

**Amanda Radar**, representing the National Federation of Independent Business, submitted a testimony card in **opposition** to **House Bills 5780 - 5791**, but did not wish to speak.

**Kim Rhead**, representing the Road Commission of Oakland County, submitted a testimony card in **opposition** to **House Bill 5791**, but did not wish to speak.

**Representative Byrum** moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on February 19, 2008. Hearing no objection, the motion prevailed.

**Representative Griffin** moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objection, **Chair Meisner** excused **Representatives Accavitti** and **Stakoe**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **10:52 a.m.**

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**Representative Andy Meisner, Chair**

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